

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 18, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Nado, Mitchell, Cole
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. Cole read the Call of the Hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 11-46 – 44 New London Road; Peter Barres, owner/applicant; Shed. PIN #261917102348

Peter Barres, owner of 44 New London Road, presented to the Commission to propose the installation of a 10' x 12' shed. The applicant plans to place it next to an existing corn crib at the back of the property. The shed will be a far distant view from the public way. The Commission felt the shed was far enough back that it will not have much of an impact to the district. They also felt the pitch of the shed was suggestive of a building that would have been built at an earlier date. A shallower pitch would be indicative of a more modern building.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Plot plan
- Shed brochure

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against.

Catherine Barres spoke in favor of the application.

The public hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

HDC 11-47 – 42 Clift Street; Kristin Vaughn, owner/applicant; Shingles. PIN #261918329126

Elizabeth Glasfeld presented to the Commission for Michael Glasfeld & Kristin Vaughn Glasfeld who are the owners of 42 Clift Street. The applicants are proposing the replacement of existing roof shingles on their home with Certainteed Landmark Premium shingles. Colors were discussed with the Commission, however, the applicant prefers the color choice of charcoal black. The applicant would also like to include the replacement of existing gutters as part of the roofing project. The proposal includes replacing vinyl gutters with copper on the front sides of the house. Staff noted that gutters are covered in the HDC guidelines in the list of non-regulated activities and do not require an application if historic gutters are not being removed.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs
- Shingle brochure
- Gutter information

Chairman Nado asked for comments in favor or against.

Rolf Glasfeld spoke in favor of the application.

The public hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.

Chairman Nado closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 11-46 – 44 New London Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1825.

HDC 11-47 – 42 Clift Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Cole, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1826.

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS – None

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Mitchell noted that the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation will be providing a workshop at Mystic & Noank Library on November 8, 2011. The Circuit Rider will also be at this workshop.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 4, 2011

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 4, 2011

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Nado requested the status of the Desmarais property at 81 High Street. Staff noted that the town attorney has contacted the son of Rod Desmarais' attorney who recently passed away. The son is also an attorney; however, he is too overwhelmed with the firm's business to focus on this matter. Attorney Carey will draft a letter

directly to Desmarais on behalf of the Commission and request him to take action to resolve the issue.

The Commission and staff discussed the Historic District Guidelines. Staff stated that Appendix C is what must be followed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the proposed 2012 meeting schedule that was distributed by Staff.

MOTION: To remove the July 3 meeting from the 2012 schedule.

Motion made by Cole seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously

MOTION: To adopt the 2012 Historic District Commission meeting schedule as amended.

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

Elaine Cole, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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